

advocate. I am grateful to have her on my staff, and enormously proud of all she has accomplished.●

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider, en bloc, the following nominations on the Executive Calendar:

No. 514, Gary A. Fenner of Missouri to be U.S. district judge for the western district of Missouri, and No. 587, the nomination of Mary Ann Vial Lemmon of Louisiana to be U.S. district judge for the eastern district of Louisiana.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate return then to the legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Reserving the right to object, Mr. President. Let me begin by thanking the two distinguished colleagues from Nevada for their cooperation this afternoon in allowing us to get to this point. As the majority leader indicated, they care deeply about this issue. Nevada is well served by their representation and their determination on this issue.

I also want to thank the majority leader for his effort to work with us. He has said again today what he said yesterday. He is prepared to try to work through these things in a way that would allow us to resolve all of the outstanding questions.

He has given me his assurance again today that we will attempt—all we can do is attempt—to work through the list of the 23 judges that are currently on the calendar. This is the first downpayment.

I appreciate his willingness to work with us on all of them. I believe that this is a good process. I think it is the way we should proceed.

So I am very pleased that we have been able to reach this point.

So I have no objection.

Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, reserving the right to object—and I assure the two distinguished leaders that I have no intention of objecting—I will just say that I congratulate both leaders for being able to reach this point where I think there is, indeed, light at the end of the tunnel.

I think that the courtesies that they have shown to me and to other Members of this body on both sides of the aisle really is a very positive indication of the cooperation that will allow us to get through the list of judges that have been approved by the Judiciary Committee.

I also would echo the comments by the two distinguished Senators from Nevada about how far they have been able to go, and I thank them for being willing to cooperate on the Defense authorization bill which I know is very, very important.

I congratulate both leaders for the work that they have done. I think this is a spirit of cooperation that we need more of. I congratulate both of them for their work.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the majority leader?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed, en bloc, as follows:

THE JUDICIARY

Gary A. Fenner, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would like to just note with regard to the nomination of Mary Lemmon from Louisiana there are other judges that had been on the list longer. But there was a particular problem with this judge due to the fact that she does hold office. I believe she is a judge. And she has to qualify in the next day or two or she would not be able to run for reelection. And then, if she did not get this position, she would be really caught in the middle. That is why we moved this one up to sort of the head of the list. I am glad it worked out.

I thank the Democratic leader for his comments.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 11; further, that immediately following the prayer the

Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved, as usual, for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period for morning business until the hour of 10 a.m. as under the previous order, with Senator DASCHLE, or his designee, controlling the first 40 minutes, and Senator COVERDELL in control of the last 20 minutes.

I further ask that at 10 a.m. the Senate turn to the consideration of S. 1894, the Department of Defense appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will begin the DOD appropriations bill tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. Several amendments are expected to be offered. Therefore, votes can be expected during Thursday's session of the Senate, and the Senate may be asked to be in session into the evening in order to make progress on the appropriations bill.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 295

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 295 be placed back on the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate at 6:42 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 11, 1996, at 9 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate July 10, 1996:

THE JUDICIARY

GARY A. FENNER, OF MISSOURI, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI.
MARY ANN VIAL LEMMON, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA.